

**Utah Substance Abuse and Anti-Violence
Coordinating Council Meeting**

Wednesday, June 19, 2002

University of Utah

11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

MEETING NOTES

Present: Bill Afeaki, Dan Becker, Lou Callister, Merrill Carter, Blake Chard, Scott Duncan, Mike Findeis, Pat Fleming, Verne Larsen, Ed McConkie, Dick Melton, Harold Morrill, Leon PoVey and JoAnn Seghini
Visitors: Jack Tanner
Staff: Marvin Dodge and Diane Ngatuvai

Agenda Item: Welcome and Approval of Minutes

Chair Leon PoVey opened the meeting welcoming all present. *A motion was made by Dick Melton to approve the minutes of the September 25, 2001 minutes. The motion was seconded by Colonel Merrill Carter and unanimously approved.*

Agenda Item: USAAV Reorganization and New Subcommittees

Leon explained that with the passage of HB 41 during the 2002 general session of the state legislature, the Utah Substance Abuse and Anti-Violence Coordinating Council (USAAV) statute was amended in several ways. The Executive Committee met after the session to begin discussing plans for restructuring USAAV to better address priority issues. It has been recommended that four subcommittees be created to conduct detailed work and analysis for the Council. The four include: Anti-Violence, Driving Under the Influence, Criminal Justice and Substance Abuse Services. Also currently functioning is the Forfeiture Working Group created to amend Utah's forfeiture statute to address incongruities created by Initiative B.

Agenda Item: Revised Policies and Procedures

A handout was given outlining the 2002 priorities. In addition to those listed, there were several more suggested priorities:

- Study California's Proposition 36 and determine if a similar law dealing with first and second time non-violent, simple drug possession offenders sentenced to substance abuse treatment instead of incarceration would be feasible and benefit Utahns. This would be assigned to the Substance Abuse Services Subcommittee for study.
- Research substance abuse among college-age students. Again, this would go to the Substance Abuse Services Subcommittee for research.
- Add anti-violence items once they are determined by the subcommittee.

Agenda Item: Subcommittee Discussion

Membership for each subcommittee was discussed. It was suggested that ethnic minority representation would be beneficial to each subcommittee.

Substance Abuse Services Subcommittee: Add drug court (Judge Roger Dutson was recommended), DCFS, Dept. of Corrections and National Guard representatives. Pat Fleming replaced Mary Lou Emerson with Brent Kelsey as the Division of Substance Abuse representative. It was recommended that the subcommittee look at the expansion of drug courts statewide. *A motion was made by Dan Becker that these changes be implemented and the subcommittee approved to move forward. The motion was seconded by Dick Melton and was unanimously approved.*

Criminal Justice Subcommittee: It was suggested that only one representative was needed from the Division of Corrections, as well as the National Guard. Representatives from the Dept. of Environmental Quality and the local health department will be added if the issue of methamphetamine is studied. A National Guard representative was suggested and Cecil Robinson was included as the Division of Youth Corrections representative. Dr. Chuck Brockett of DHS will be notified of meetings. *A motion was made and seconded to approve this subcommittee and its membership as discussed. The motion was unanimously approved.*

Driving Under the Influence Subcommittee: Mayor Seghini suggested that this subcommittee study and define infrastructure needs. Pat Fleming appointed Mary Lou Emerson as the Div. of Substance Abuse representative. A highway patrol representative was advised as well as an individual from the Health Dept. lab. Lucy Dillan will be notified of meetings, as well.

Anti-Violence Subcommittee: Many forms of violence were discussed in an effort to narrow what the focus of this subcommittee will be. Jack Tanner advised that the subcommittee focus on an area where USAAV can have the greatest impact. It was unanimously agreed that this working group be approved as a subcommittee. Suggestions for membership included the following to be determined by the study issue:

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| 1) State dom. violence coordinator | 4) Adult and Juvenile Court representatives |
| 2) Law enforcement | 5) UDC |
| 3) CEM & education officials | 6) Dept. of Health |
| 7) DCFS Child Protection Services | |

Committee chair Sherm Watkins will take this issue to the Executive Committee for final approval.

Forfeiture Working Group: The only addition to the current membership was Pat Fleming, Executive Director of the Division of Substance Abuse. One suggestion for their presentation to the legislature was that they emphasize that no money has been received and given to education as promised originally. *A motion was made by Colonel Carter that this working group be approved and move ahead with the legislation. Mayor Seghini seconded the motion which was then unanimously approved.*

Agenda Item: Next Meeting

It was decided that USAAV Council meetings will be held on the second Wednesday of every other month. Lunch will be provided.

***The next meeting of the USAAV Council will be held on
Wednesday, August 14, 2002 from noon - 2:00
in room 5112 of the State Office Building
(located directly north of the State Capitol Building).***